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***Statement made by General Lloyd J. Austin III, commander of U.S. Central Command:***

TAMPA – “We deeply mourn the loss of one of our own, Marine Staff Sergeant Louis F. Cardin. Staff Sergeant Cardin and the other Marines injured in the attack yesterday on the base near Makhmour in northern Iraq were there to provide force protection capability in support of the fight against Daesh. Staff Sergeant Cardin’s service and his many important contributions will long be remembered by his fellow Marines, his teammates at United States Central Command, and a grateful nation. Our gratitude and heartfelt condolences go out to this young man’s family and friends.”

Cardin was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

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